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Possible corporate contractors to the James O. Eastland Campaign Committee

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. 6/6/72	Bailey Homes, Inc. <i>Jackson</i>	Holder-dated rec'd. \$ 500
2. 5/3/72	Bradford-Okeefe Funeral Home, Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	1,000
3. 5/5/72	Bradshaw and Hoover Insurance Agency, Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	200
4. 11/20/72	Brickell Insurance, Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	139
5. 5/15/72	Bright Homes, Inc. <i>Gulfport RA</i>	200
6. 5/8/72	C & F Contracting, Inc. <i>Columbus RA</i>	500
7. 5/31/72	Coast T V Cable, Inc. <i>Jr. - Hattiesburg</i>	250
8. 11/2/72	Cook Coggin Engineers, Inc. <i>Mobile RA</i>	200
9. 5/24/72	Crawler Parts, Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	500
10. 5/10/72	De Jean Packing Company, Inc. <i>Gulfport</i>	1,000
11. 10/24/72	Delta Fisheries, Inc. <i>Vicksburg</i>	300
12. 6/15/72	Enterprise Meat, Inc. <i>Hattiesburg</i>	500
13. 5/8/72	*Epperson-Tubb Chevrolet, Inc. <i>Columbus</i>	200
14. 6/9/72	*Ergon, Inc. <i>Jackson</i>	2,000
15. 6/6/72	H C Bailey Insurance, Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	250
16. 5/24/72	Harrington Homes, Inc. <i>Bartow Co.</i>	500
17. 5/24/72	Jitney Jungle, Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	1,000
18. 6/27/72	John H. Moon & Sons, Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	1,000
19. 6/9/72	McRee, Dardaman, Kennington, Inc. <i>G'wood RA</i>	300
20. 9/20/72	Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	1,100
21. 5/17/72	Mississippi Pump & Equipment Co., Inc. <i>Jr.</i>	500
22. 6/5/72	Molpus Lumber Co., Inc. <i>Greenville</i>	500
23. 5/29/72	Palace Theatre Co., Inc. <i>Jr. (McCombs)</i>	500
24. 10/30/72	Palace Theatre Co., Inc. <i>Jr. (")</i>	500

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25.	7/3/72	#Patterson Morris Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.	1/Attlebury	250
26.	9/20/72	So. Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co., Inc.	JN	500
27.	9/20/72	So. Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co., Inc.	JN	400
28.	10/9/72	Smith-Roberts, Inc.	McComb	500
29.	5/11/72	Star Chevrolet, Inc.	Report Harley-davidson typewriter	200
30.	10/24/72	*Thompson Anderson Ent., Inc.	Jazzoo City	200
31.	5/9/72	West Implement Co., Inc.	Braille RA	400
32.	11/15/72	Yandell Bros. Gin, Inc.	✓ Oxford RA	200
33.	5/11/72	Zero Butane, Inc.	Braille RA	200
34.	5/11/72	Zero Butane, Inc.	IT	450

*Committee records show these contributions as from corporations, but the reports filed with the Secretary of the Senate do not identify them as such.

REPORT

Committee
RECORDS

13.	Epperson-Tubb Chevrolet, Inc.
14.	Ergon, Inc.
30.	Thompson Anderson Ent., Inc.

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#The Secretary's referral shows two contributions from #25 Patterson Morris Lincoln-Mercury. Both are listed as being the same amount and on the same day. It is not clear whether there were, in fact, two contributions, or if this is an error in typing the same contribution twice.

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July 16, 1974

Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

HEP:TJM:RAH:REM:sld
72-017-40

James O. Eastland Campaign Committee: Possible violations of
18 U.S.C. 610.

On June 6, 1974, the Secretary of the Senate referred the above-captioned matter to the Attorney General pursuant to his responsibility as set forth in Section 434(a)(12) of Title 2, United States Code.

Contained within the materials referred by the Secretary was information concerning possible corporate contributions in violation of 18 U.S.C. 610. In order to assist this Division to determine whether violations of Federal law have occurred, the Bureau is requested to:

- 1) Obtain copies of the checks relating to the contributions made by the corporations possibly involved. A list of these corporations, the amount involved in the contributions, and the date of the contribution is attached. No addresses for any of the corporations are known to this Division at this time.
- 2) Interview the appropriate committee officials concerning the circumstances surrounding the acceptance of these checks, and the method in which the monies received through these checks were recorded and reported to the Secretary of the Senate.
[redacted]
P. O. Box 291, [redacted]
MISSISSIPPI.
- 3) In instances in which the possible corporate contribution was \$500 or more, to interview the corporate officials responsible for the issuance of the checks.

We have no objection to the Bureau notifying Senator Eastland of the investigation.

Attachment.

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7/19/74
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TO: SACS, Jackson (Enclosures 4)
 WFO (Enclosures 4)

From: Director, FBI

**JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
 POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610
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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 7/16/74, with enclosures.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within **21** days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a limited investigation and underscore the word limited
 preliminary preliminary

Advise all persons interviewed
 appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Remarks:

Copies being furnished WFO in event investigation is necessary by that office.

7/24/74
 Mr. Wilson
 J. W. Jackson
 Eastland
 Sen. Spec. Sub
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 committee officials of rights.

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Date of transcription 1/31/75

On January 31, 1975, [redacted]
[redacted] Ergon, Incorporated, telephonically contacted
SA [redacted] stated that he had consulted
with his attorney and would like to make it known as a
matter of record that on January 31, 1975, he transferred
\$2,000 from his personal account to the account of Ergon,
Incorporated, to reimburse the corporation for a \$2,000
contribution made in 1972 to the James O. Eastland
Campaign which properly should have been made from his
own funds.

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Date: 7/25/74

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL
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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610
EL.

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson and WFO, 7/19/74.

Enclosed herewith for New Orleans are the following:

Memorandum to Director, FBI, from _____

Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division, dated 7/16/74;

Two-page list of 34 corporate contributors
to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee
during 1972.

Referenced airtel requested investigation in
accordance with provisions of Section 35, Volume II, Manual
of Instructions, and report submitted within 21 days of
referenced communication. The first paragraph of the
details of your report should indicate that this report
contains the results of a "limited" investigation (under-
score word limited). Advise all persons interviewed at
the outset that this investigation is being conducted
at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

On 7/25/74, _____

First National Bank, Jackson, Miss., advised that
contributor number 23 and 24 on the enclosed list, which
is indicated as the Palace Theatre Co., Inc., is actually

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22 - Jackson

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Approved: 808
Special Agent in Charge

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a proprietorship as well as a corporation and is owned by [redacted] 510 Okeefe Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70112. [redacted] apparently contributed \$500 to the campaign fund on 5/29/72 and an additional \$500 on 10/30/72.

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LEAD:

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Interview [redacted] in accordance with enclosed instructions and surep with copy to Jackson for information.

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[redacted] Merchants
 and Planters Bank, Hazlehurst, Mississippi, [redacted]
 [redacted] Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND at Jackson, Mississippi, during 1972, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry which involves contributions by corporations to the 1972 Campaign Fund of Senator EASTLAND. [redacted] was furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form by Special Agent SAMUEL N. JENNINGS, which he read and signed. He thereafter furnished the following information voluntarily:

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[redacted] stated that he was the [redacted]
 [redacted] Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND during the election campaign in 1972. He worked in this position from approximately [redacted] from Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] however, [redacted] First National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, [redacted] Senator EASTLAND's campaign during 1972. [redacted] corporations as well as individuals. These contributions were [redacted] in various ways and many of them were delivered by hand through [redacted] There was no standard procedure for collecting these various campaign funds. Many of the campaign funds were mailed in from corporations [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] First National Bank Building, Jackson, Mississippi, actually handled the books and kept records regarding all campaign contributions. She kept good records and should have these records

Interviewed on 7/24/74 at Hazlehurst, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-5

by [redacted] SA [redacted] and
 SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS/SNJ/irm

Date dictated

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available if needed. An Attorney [redacted] Suite 1440, First National Bank Building, Jackson, Mississippi, was employed to make the necessary reports which went to the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, and other places as required by law. [redacted] was apparently attempting to comply with the law in all respects and there was no indication during 1972 that there was anything illegal about the acceptance of contributions from corporations to the campaign fund. [redacted] advised that the possibility of anything illegal relating to these contributions was never discussed and he feels sure that the attorney and the members of the Campaign Committee were not aware of the possibility that the corporation contributions might be in violation of Federal laws.

[redacted] estimated that about 90 percent of the campaign contributions went directly to [redacted] or [redacted]. These contributions were solicited by various members of the Finance Committee whose identities were not immediately known, but who live in various cities throughout the State of Mississippi. It was well known by individuals working on the campaign that [redacted] was the man who handled the contributions [redacted] deposited them in a separate bank account at the First National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi.

[redacted] explained that had anyone realized that these corporation contributions were illegal, they would certainly have insisted that the contributions be made by individuals rather than by the corporations. He further speculated that it might be necessary to have the monies refunded to the various corporations and then attempt to obtain matching contributions from individuals rather than corporations.

[redacted] advised that Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND [redacted] did not receive any direct benefits from these campaign contributions. They did have authority to use the funds for the campaign, but not for any other purpose. [redacted] was not aware that either Senator EASTLAND [redacted] withdrew any funds from the campaign contributions.

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[redacted] explained that the attorney who prepared the required reports regarding campaign contributions would get the records from [redacted] and after preparing his reports would return all records to her.

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[redacted] indicated in conclusion that it was a complete oversight on the part of the Campaign Committee to accept contributions from corporations since he now realizes this was done in violation of the United States Code. He said he feels certain that the Campaign Committee and others involved in this matter were not aware of the existing Federal law which had been passed a few months prior to the campaign which forbids any contributions by corporations to such an election campaign fund. He noted that most of the contributions were made during May and June of 1972, a few months after the law was enacted. He explained that the bank account containing these campaign contributions, as well as all other campaign contributions, was closed in 1973 after all bills had been paid and all matters regarding the campaign fully settled.

[redacted] repeated that [redacted] actually kept the books and records regarding the monies received by [redacted] as contributions to Senator EASTLAND's campaign fund. The only three people authorized to write checks on the campaign fund account were [redacted] Attorney [redacted] [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, and [redacted] [redacted] explained that he does not recall Attorney [redacted] ever writing any checks, however.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

DATE: 7/26/74

FROM : SUPV. L. C. BUTEAU

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610
EL

Re Bureau airtel and enclosures to Jackson,
7/19/74.

Investigation conducted in Jackson, Miss.,
disclosed the following change of addresses for leads
previously set out:

Lead #1 -

Bailey Homes, Inc.
Bailey Building
Gulfport, Miss.
This lead previously assigned
to Jackson Headquarters
(Assigned SA HURLEY)

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Lead #2 - Bradford-Okeefe Funeral Home, Inc.

314 E. Howard Avenue
Biloxi, Miss.
Lead previously assigned
Jackson Headquarters
(Assigned SA [redacted])

Lead #7 -

Coast TV Cable, Inc.
P. O. Box 457
Long Beach, Miss.
Lead previously assigned
Jackson Headquarters
(Assigned SA [redacted])

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1 - SA HURLEY

1 - SA [redacted]

1 - SA [redacted]

1 - SA [redacted]

1 - SA KING

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Lead #11 - [redacted]

Delta Fisheries, Inc.
764 E. Jefferson St.
Yazoo City, Miss.

Lead previously assigned
to Vicksburg Road Trip Agent
(SA [redacted])

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Lead #20 - Boswell Stevens

Lead #26 - Miss. Farm Bureau Federation

Lead #27 - P. O. Box 1972
Jackson, Miss.

(Southern Farm Bureau Life Ins. Co.
Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Ins. Co.)
These three previously assigned to
Jackson Headquarters
(Assigned SA KING)

SAs receiving this memo are instructed to
immediately conduct appropriate investigation as outlined in
referenced communication and enclosures.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 29, 1974

[redacted]
 of the DeJean Packing Company, Incorporated, Biloxi, Mississippi. furnished the following information to [redacted]
 [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after being advised of his Constitutional rights, and being advised of the purpose of the interview, a possible violation of Federal law on behalf of the DeJean Corporation in contributing to the campaign committee of JAMES O. EASTLAND:

[redacted] advised that the DeJean Packing Company made a \$1000 contribution to JAMES O. EASTLAND by check drawn on the DeJean Packing Company dated May 2, 1972, and signed by [redacted] of the DeJean Packing Company, Incorporated.

[redacted] noted that at the time of the contribution that the DeJean Company was a "partnership" and was not incorporated until January 1, 1973.

[redacted] also furnished a copy of the aforementioned check.

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by SA [redacted] mae Date dictated 7/26/74

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

DATE: 8/1/74

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
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Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, dated 7/19/74.

For the information of the file, the above-referenced airtel set out leads in Amory, Miss. for Epperson Tubb Chevrolet, Inc. and C & F Contracting, Inc. both in Amory, Miss. On 7/30/74, inquiry was made by SA [redacted] at C & F Oil Company, U. S. Highway 278 West, Amory, Miss. It was determined that the owner of C & F Oil Company is also the owner of C & F Contracting Company and that individual's name is [redacted]. It was also determined that [redacted] has located C & F Contracting, Inc. in Tupelo, Miss. and that he spends most of his time in Tupelo, Miss.

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On 7/31/74, this information was telephonically furnished to SA [redacted] of the Tupelo Resident Agency.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT TUPELO (LEE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will contact [redacted] C & F Contracting Company, Inc., concerning leads set out in the above-referenced airtel.

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The attached letter from [redacted]
was received at the Gulfport Resident Agency of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 31,
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CERTIFIED MAIL

Post Office Drawer O
Biloxi, MS 39533
July 31, 1974

Mr. Roy Moore, Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Room 800, First Federal Savings Building
Jackson, MS 39205

Attention: Special Agent [redacted]

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Dear Mr Moore:

Following my conversation of yesterday at the Gulf National Building at 9:00 o'clock A.M. with you and Agent [redacted] I wish to make the following statement to be included with and to be made a part of any report dealing with the One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00) contribution to the campaign of Senator James O. Eastland.

As I explained to Agents [redacted] and [redacted] the campaign contribution, dated April 27, 1972, was a personal donation of [redacted] I showed you the books of record, including the journal showing that this check was charged to my personal account on page 43, and further that this check was then posted in the ledger to my account number 2902 in total as indicated by the bulk transfer of the same at the bottom of the page number CD43. Further, I showed you the stub of this check indicating in my handwriting that this check was to be charged to me personally, plus the records enumerated above to prove that in fact it was charged to me personally.

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I requested that the Agents verify with all of the local banks or any other banks that I do not maintain now, nor did I maintain during the year in question, any personal checking accounts. I ask that the Agents further verify this fact, that I am normally charged with checks which are to be used for my own personal expense as was this campaign check, with Internal Revenue Agent [redacted] of the Gulfport office. [redacted] has recently completed a detailed audit of the Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Inc. and we have agreed to these audit changes on June 19, 1974, and he is in a position to verify the accuracy of any statements with regard to the fact that I do not maintain a personal checking account and that these checks were charged to me in an accurate and a complete manner.

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I request that the enclosed evidence be made a part of any report made to any agency with regard to the questions raised at the meeting of yesterday.

[redacted]
[redacted]

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cc: [redacted]

Gulfport, MS

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted]

On July 26, 1974, [redacted] Dejean Packing Company, Inc., Biloxi, Mississippi, produced a State of Mississippi Certificate of Incorporation for the Dejean Packing Company, Inc., signed by HEBER LADNER, Secretary of State, dated November 28, 1972.

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[Signature]

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The following is the corresponding list of
corporate contributors made available by [redacted]
on July 26, 1974: [redacted]

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1. [redacted]
Bailey Homes, Inc.
Bailey Building
Gulfport, Miss.

2. Bradford-Okeefe Funeral Home, Inc.
314 E. Howard Avenue
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

3. Bradshaw & Hoover
P. O. Box 11
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

4. Brickell Insurance, Inc.
(return premium for cancelled automobile
liability insurance policy)

5. [redacted] (builder)
P. O. Box 1324
Pascagoula, Mississippi

6. C. & F. Contracting Co., Inc.
[redacted]
Amory, Mississippi

7. [redacted]
Coast TV Cable, Inc.
P. O. Box 457
Long Beach, Mississippi 39560

8. Cook Coggin Engineers, Inc.
703 Crossover Road
Tupelo, Miss. 38801

9. [redacted]
Crawler Parts, Inc.
P. O. Box 3078
Jackson, Mississippi 39207

10. [redacted]
DeJean Packing Co.
P. O. Box 509
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533

11. [redacted]
Delta Fisheries, Inc.
764 E. Jefferson Street
Yazoo City, Mississippi

12. [redacted]
Enterprise Meat Co.
P. O. Box 645, Petal, Miss.

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Epperson-Tubb Chevrolet, Inc.
Amory, Miss. 38821

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14.

[redacted]
Ergon, Inc.
P. O. Box 1308
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

15.

[redacted]
H. C. Bailey Co., Realtors
161 East Amite Street
Jackson, Miss.

16.

[redacted] (builder)
Herrington Homes, Inc.
P. O. Box 5630
Jackson, Miss. 39208

17.

[redacted]
Jackson Jitney-Jungle Stores, Inc.
P. O. Box 3409
Jackson, Mississippi 39207

18.

John H. Moon
John H. Moon & Sons, Inc.
Contractors
Ridgeland, Miss.

19. McRee Dardaman Kennington

Architecture - Engineering
1162 Line Street
Grenada, Miss. 38901

20.

Boswell Stevens (3 cashiers' checks on Deposit Guaranty Bank)

26. &

Miss. Farm Bureau Federation

27.

P. O. Box 1972 (Mr. Stevens now lives in Macon, Miss.)

Jackson, Miss. 39205

(Southern Farm Bureau Life Ins. Co.)

(Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Ins. Co.)

21.

Miss. Pump & Equipment Co.
P. O. Box 13
Clinton, Miss. 39056

22. Richard Molphus
Molpus Lumber Co.
P. O. Box 59
Philadelphia, Miss. 39350
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23. [REDACTED]
Palace Theatre Co.
New Orleans, La. 70124

24. [REDACTED]
Palace Theatre Co.
510 O'Keefe Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

25. [REDACTED]
Patterson-Morris Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.
P. O. Box 112
Hattiesburg, Miss.

26. & 27. See #20.

28. [REDACTED]
Smith-Roberts, Inc.
324 South Broadway
McComb, Miss. 39648

29. Robert Regan and
Bobby Regan
Star Chevrolet Co.
228 First Street
Wiggins, Miss. 39577

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30. [REDACTED]
Thompson-Anderson Enterprises, Inc.
Yazoo City, Miss. 39194

31. [REDACTED] ?

32. [REDACTED]

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34. [REDACTED] ?

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Date of transcription 7/29/74

[redacted] First National Bank (FNB), Jackson, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry which involved corporate campaign contributions to the 1972 James O. Eastland Campaign Fund. She was furnished an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS, which she read and signed. She thereafter furnished the following information:

[redacted] said that she is the [redacted] and that as such, she was asked during 1972 by [redacted] to handle the books and account for the James O. Eastland Campaign Fund. She was not a paid employee of the campaign committee but merely assumed these additional duties since she was the [redacted]

[redacted] entered each contributor to the campaign in a ledger book and also made deposit slips regarding all contributions to the campaign fund. She listed each contribution which came in by check separately on the various deposit slips. She would often receive a group of checks in the mail or from [redacted] with no information to accompany the checks and would thereafter utilize the information which appeared on the check and enter it in her ledger book and deposit it in the campaign account. Sometimes she would receive no additional information regarding these contributions and on other occasions, she would subsequently receive a list of contributors relating to the checks which had been previously received. She made every effort to accurately record the contributor and in some instances the contribution was made by a corporation. She stated that she was not aware that these contributions were in violation of any Federal law.

[redacted] explained that it was not clear in some instances whether the contribution was from an

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by RJL SA [redacted] and
SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS/SNJ/sh

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individual who owned a corporation or whether it was a corporate contribution. She did not make any particular effort to distinguish between these two types of contributions since she assumed that the matter was entirely legal. She did utilize the information sent to her identifying the various contributors and this information was included in her ledger as accurately as possible. She received these contributions not only from [redacted] but from other individuals since it was well known to the campaign workers at Jackson, Mississippi, that she was the person who handled the bank account and made the deposits. She also mentioned that she had the authority to write checks on the account in order to pay the expenses of running the campaign. Several other persons also had this authority to make payments from the campaign account.

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[redacted] advised that she personally kept the books and when it was time to make periodic reports regarding the campaign contributions, she would make available all of her records to Attorney [redacted] FNB Building, Jackson, Mississippi, who prepared these periodic reports as required by law and would ultimately send same to the Secretary of the U. S. Senate as well as to other places. She did not recall attempting to explain anything to attorney [redacted] about the corporate contributions as opposed to personal contributions and the matter was never brought to her attention by [redacted] or by anyone else. She stated [redacted] apparently did not realize that these corporate contributions were illegal or he certainly would have raised a question about it with someone.

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[redacted] disclaimed any knowledge of any wrongdoing in connection with anything relating to the James O. Eastland Campaign Fund and stated that she still has all of her records and will gladly make them available if wanted. She offered to assist in any way possible in this investigation.

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Received by mail at Jackson, Mississippi,
August 1, 1974, from [redacted] were copies of the
following documents enclosed with his letter of
July 31, 1974:

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- (1) Bradford - O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated, check number 8879, dated April 27, 1972, drawn on the Peoples Bank of Biloxi, payable to Senator Eastland Campaign Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00
- (2) Cash disbursement journal, page 43
- (3) Check stubs numbers 8876-8878
- (4) Check stubs numbers 8879 - 8881
- (5) Ledger account 2902 - [redacted]
March 31, 1972 - December 31, 1972
- (6) Internal Revenue Service Form 4549 -
Income Tax Audit Changes, June 19, 1974

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Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
August 1, 1974

Mayor Jerry O'Keefe
Post Office Drawer O
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533

Dear Mayor O'Keefe:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 31, 1974, to Mr. Roy Moore, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Jackson, Mississippi, and to advise you that your letter and the enclosures you sent with it are being made part of the FBI file in this matter and will be forwarded to the United States Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

Roy K. Moore
Special Agent in Charge

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(3) *WJ* *J/MR*

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Date of transcription 8/1/74

[redacted] Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated, 314 East Howard Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi. furnished the following information to [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI, after having been furnished an Advice of Rights form, which he read and stated he understood, but declined to sign and after having been advised the purpose of the interview being a possible violation of Federal Statutes, in the contribution to a campaign committee on behalf of the Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated:

[redacted] stated that he did make a contribution to the Senator EASTLAND campaign fund by a check drawn on the Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated, 314 East Howard Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi, check number 8879, dated April 27, 1972, payable to the Senator EASTLAND campaign fund, drawn on the Peoples Bank of Biloxi, Mississippi, and signed by [redacted]

[redacted] advised, however, that even though the check was drawn on the Bradford Funeral Home, Incorporated, that the money was actually taken from his salary. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he does not maintain a personal checking account and that all of his personal expenditures are on checks drawn on the Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated, account which are in turn debited from his salary.

[redacted] also made available for inspection a journal of the expense checks written on the Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated, which also included numerous checks drawn on the corporation for [redacted] personal expenses which were debited against his income from the corporation.

One of the checks drawn on the corporation and debited against the income of [redacted] was check number 8879, dated April 27, 1972, payable to the Senator EASTLAND campaign fund in the amount of \$1,000.

[redacted] declined to furnish a copy of the aforementioned check unless he could see the report being

Interviewed on 7/30/74 at Biloxi, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-15

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] RDH/gah Date dictated 8/1/74

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prepared by the FBI so that he would know that it was made very clear that the check made payable to the campaign fund of Senator EASTLAND was drawn against his personal funds in view of the fact that on the surface that the check appeared to be incriminating for him.

The following is a description of [redacted]

Name [redacted]

Race [redacted]

Sex [redacted]

White [redacted]

Male [redacted]

Date of birth [redacted]

Place of birth [redacted]

Occupation [redacted]

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7/29/74

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[redacted] First National Bank, Room 301, First National Bank Building, Jackson, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry which involves corporate contributions to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Fund during 1972.

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SA JENNINGS furnished [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read and signed. He thereafter furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] stated that [redacted] of the 1972 James O. Eastland Campaign Fund. He did not recall specifically how he was selected but [redacted] First National Bank (FNB) [redacted] other members of the campaign [redacted] picked him to handle the finances.

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[redacted] actually handled the keeping of the books for the campaign fund and also handled all deposits in the campaign fund account at FNB, Jackson. She kept accurate records and maintains those records and deposit slips for all contributions made to the 1972 James O. Eastland Campaign Fund.

[redacted] explained that many voluntary campaign workers throughout the State of Mississippi were instrumental in obtaining donations to the campaign fund and these contributions would be collected throughout the state and sent in, usually in groups. Several contributions would come in at one time and often there was no information regarding the contributors other than the information which appeared on the check itself. Sometimes, later, a list of contributors would come in pertaining to the checks which had been sent in previously.

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SA [redacted] and
SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS/SNJ/sh

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During the 1972 campaign there was between \$300,000 and \$400,000 contributed. Practically all of the contributions were from individuals; however, in a few instances there were some corporate contributions which were accepted due to oversight and due to a lack of knowledge regarding the Federal law which prohibits corporate contributions to campaign funds.

[redacted] recalled personally receiving a few large corporate checks payable to the campaign fund which he did return to the corporation with instructions that the contribution be made by personal check or by individual proprietorship check rather than by corporate check. He explained that some of the corporations are wholly owned by one individual and it was assumed that these contributions were personal rather than corporate.

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[redacted] stated that he was not too well acquainted with the handling of campaign contributions and those were therefore handled very informally and he generally turned over any contributions sent to him by mail or received personally to his secretary and she would thereafter enter the contribution in her book and make individual deposit slips and put the monies in the campaign funds account. [redacted] was not a paid employee of the campaign fund committee but voluntarily did this since she was [redacted]

[redacted] stated there were only approximately three paid employees in the State of Mississippi who worked for the campaign fund for a salary.

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[redacted] explained that he did not see many of the contributions that came in and they would be turned over immediately to his secretary without him personally observing each individual check. As it turned out, a few of these checks were corporate checks but were unnoticed by him and [redacted] went ahead and entered the contribution since she had no other information to indicate otherwise.

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When only a check was received, it was not clear always who actually had sent the contribution. Usually the money would arrive first and a few days later someone would send in a list of contributors relating to the checks which had already been deposited.

[redacted] kept the records as accurately as possible with the information available to her. She was not aware of any Federal violations in connection with these contributions.

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[redacted] expressed surprise that there were as many corporate contributions as there were but repeated that he had not seen these corporate contributions. He stated there was certainly no effort on his part or on the part of [redacted] to hide any information whatsoever regarding the contributions and she listed each and every contribution in her book as well as making a separate deposit slip listing each of the various contributions.

[redacted] pointed out that the corporate contributions only represent a very small percentage of the total contributions to the campaign fund and had it been known that the contributions were illegal, they would have been certainly returned in order that the money would be donated to the campaign in accordance with existing Federal laws.

[redacted] was made aware of the list of corporate campaign contributors and based on this list, he had [redacted] prepare a corresponding list showing the names and addresses of the various corporate contributors as reflected in her records. [redacted] made available this list to the FBI.

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[redacted] stated that he is entirely willing to furnish any additional information requested in this investigation and will cooperate in any way possible.

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Date of transcription August 1, 1974

Mr. RICHARD H. MOLPUS, President of Molpus Lumber Company, 221 Gum Street, was contacted at that place of business, at which time he was advised as to the identity of the contacting Agent and the fact that he was being contacted relative to an official investigation concerning a possible violation of Title 18, Section 610, United States Code, which is an investigation of James O. Eastland Campaign Committee. Mr. MOLPUS was then shown an Interrogation; Advice of Rights and Waiver of Rights Form, which form he read and stated that he understood. Mr. MOLPUS related that he did not care to sign the form but had no objection to talking with Agent RUCKER. He then volunteered the following information:

Mr. MOLPUS stated that his lumber company is a corporation and that he owns 100 percent of the corporate stock in the Molpus Lumber Company. Mr. MOLPUS then commented that "I am the Molpus Lumber Company, and the Molpus Lumber Company is me."

Mr. MOLPUS related that he does recall that on an unrecalled date in 1972, during a period of time in which his business was very successful, he did give a check in the amount of \$500 on the Molpus Lumber Company account to the James O. Eastland Campaign Committee. Mr. MOLPUS stated that even though this was a company check, he was giving the check as a personal contribution, hoping personally that his donation would in some small way assist EASTLAND's campaign for the U. S. Senate from Mississippi, and especially since there was a good possibility that because of EASTLAND's position in the Senate, he could become President of the United States. Mr. MOLPUS advised that he is not a personal friend of Mr. EASTLAND in that he has only met EASTLAND on one occasion, and stated that Mr. EASTLAND did not ask for the donation, nor did he give the donation in return for any favor he had received from EASTLAND. Mr. MOLPUS advised that he makes donations to the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Mississippi, from the same fund as that from which he made the donation to Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND. He then commented that he did not claim the donation to the EASTLAND fund on his Federal income tax, but felt that he was making an "out of the pocket" personal donation to EASTLAND's fund.

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by SA JOHN B. RUCKER, JR./mae

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Mr. MOLPUS added that he would like to state that he gave the check to the EASTLAND campaign fund of his own free will, and the money was unsolicited from EASTLAND's office.

The following descriptive data pertaining to Mr. MOLPUS was obtained through observation:

Name	RICHARD H. MOLPUS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 60 years
Height	6 feet 2 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Graying
Occupation	President, Molpus Lumber Company, 221 Gum Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi

Mr. MOLPUS advised that he did not presently know the whereabouts of a cancelled check regarding this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (56-337) (P)
JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610
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Re Jackson airtel to New Orleans, 7/25/74.

By referenced communication, Jackson Division advised that [redacted] First National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that contributor number 23 and 24 on the list of corporate contributors to captioned matter and which are indicated as the Palace Theatre Company, Inc., is actually a proprietorship as well as a corporation and is owned by [redacted] 510 O'Keefe Avenue, New Orleans. [redacted] apparently contributed \$500 to the campaign fund on 7/29/72 and an additional \$500 on 10/30/72.

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On 7/31/74, investigation at New Orleans revealed that [redacted] Gulf States Theatres Inc., 510 O'Keefe Avenue, New Orleans, was away on a business trip and would return to New Orleans on 8/5/74.

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On 8/5/74, [redacted] telephonically advised that he would not return to New Orleans until 8/14/74. [redacted] was briefly advised of the nature of the inquiry and stated that he would be willing to discuss this matter.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will, upon [redacted]
return to New Orleans, interview him concerning this matter
and submit report.

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Date of transcription 8/2/74

[redacted] Patterson-Morris Lincoln/Mercury, 211 Broadway Drive, who is aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent was orally advised that he did not have to furnish any information, any information he did furnish could be used against him, that he had the right to consult with his attorney before furnishing any information, and to have his attorney present during questioning if he so desired. [redacted] advised that he understood his rights, did not desire to have his attorney present and would furnish any information requested.

[redacted] was advised that an interview was desired with him concerning a possible violation of Federal election laws.

[redacted] advised that he recalls that he and [redacted] made a contribution to the campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, but did not recall who actually signed the check. He stated that he believed the check was in the amount of \$500.

[redacted] caused a check to be made of his records after which he furnished a copy of Patterson-Morris Lincoln/Mercury, Incorporated (Inc.), check number 7125, dated June 2, 1972, made payable to JIM EASTLAND Campaign Fund, in the amount of \$500 and signed [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he was unaware of any law prohibiting contributions by a corporation. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] had been requested to make contributions to EASTLAND's campaign fund and that they had agreed separately to contribute \$250 each. He stated that he felt the above check represented a \$250 personal contribution by both he and [redacted] rather than a corporate contribution to the EASTLAND campaign fund.

Interviewed on 7/31/74 at Hattiesburg, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-19

by SA J. L. MARTIN/wde

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[redacted] also known as [redacted]
 Enterprise Meat, Inc., was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that an interview was desired with him concerning a possible violation of Federal election laws.

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[redacted] was advised orally by SA J. L. MARTIN that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law, that he had the right to consult with his attorney before furnishing any information and to have his attorney present during questioning if he so desired.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] of Enterprise Meat, Inc., located on Highway 11 North, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. [redacted] advised that he did, in fact, make a \$500 contribution to the campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND in June of 1972. [redacted] advised that he had no knowledge that this was illegal and that he did not intentionally commit a criminal act. [redacted] stated that he felt Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND was doing a good job representing the people and that he desired to make a contribution to his campaign fund and had no knowledge that it was illegal for a corporation to contribute to a political campaign fund.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] suffered damage from flooding in the Spring of 1974 and that some of his corporate records were destroyed. He stated, however, that if it is possible for him to locate the check representing the funds which he contributed to Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND's campaign that he would gladly make a copy of this check available to the interviewing Agent. After a brief period of time in attempting to locate the check, [redacted] advised that it was not readily available but that he would continue a search of his books and records and if the check was located, would call the interviewing Agent and thereafter make a copy of this check available.

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Interviewed on 8/6/74 at Hattiesburg, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112 -20

by SA J. L. MARTIN/njb

Date dictated 8/6/74

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Date of transcription August 2, 1974

On July 31, 1974, Mr. ROBERT P. REGAN was contacted at the Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., 228 First Street, Wiggins, Mississippi. After the interviewing Agent had identified himself, Mr. REGAN was advised that he was being contacted at this time since information had been received indicating that on or about May 11, 1972, the Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., had made a contribution in the amount of \$200 to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Fund, which constitutes a possible federal violation.

Mr. REGAN was thereafter furnished an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form and after reading same, stated that he desired to cooperate with the FBI; however, he wished to speak with an attorney concerning this matter.

On August 1, 1974, Mr. REGAN was again contacted at the Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., at which time he advised that he did not desire to sign an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form; however, he had spoken with his attorney and would make available to the FBI a copy of the check referred to above.

He thereafter exhibited the original of check number 1957 dated May 9, 1972, in the amount of \$200, which was made payable to the order of "James O. Eastland Campaign Fund," which check was signed R. P. REGAN. The check was drawn on the Bank of Wiggins, Wiggins, Mississippi, and on the reverse side of the check was a bank stamp stating:

CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT OF THE WITHIN NAMED PAYEE
ENDORSEMENT GUARANTEED
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Mr. REGAN thereafter made available a copy of the face and reverse side of this check.

Mr. REGAN stated that he has been affiliated with Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., and its predecessor, Pearson Chevrolet, since 1948, at which time he was Secretary - Treasurer. To the best of his recollection, around the

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by SA DAVID P. MURLEY /blw Date dictated 8/1/74

early 1950s, the name of the company was changed to Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., and during the early 1970s, he became President of the corporation.

He stated that in prior years, he has personally made contributions to the campaign fund of JAMES O. EASTLAND and apparently during the 1972 campaign, his bookkeeper inadvertently drew the check mentioned above on the account of Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., rather than on his personal account, as it should have been.

During the course of the interview, the following description and background information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ROBERT P. REGAN
Date of Birth	November 23, 1912
Place of Birth	Magnolia, Mississippi
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	72 inches
Weight	195 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown

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Date of transcription 8/7/74

[redacted] Jitney Jungle, Inc., 453 North Mill Street, was interviewed at 453 North Mill Street. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, the nature of the inquiry and of his rights as contained on an unexecuted "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. [redacted] stated that he understood his rights.

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[redacted] immediately stated that he did not desire to be interviewed at this time concerning campaign contributions to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee; however, after consulting with financial Vice President [redacted] and with counsel he would consent to being interviewed.

Arrangements were made for [redacted] to be interviewed August 12-16, 1974.

Interviewed on 8/5/74 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-22

by 904 SA [redacted] cbw Date dictated 8/7/74

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/7/74

[REDACTED] Herrington Homes, Inc., 3027 Old Brandon Road, Pearl, Mississippi, was interviewed at Bankers Trust Plaza. [REDACTED] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry and of his rights as shown on an unexecuted Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form. [REDACTED] thereafter furnished the following information in the presence of his attorney, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that upon advice of counsel, he would decline to be interviewed at this time regarding contributions to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee. He stated that he desired to review his financial records after which he would be available for interview. He stated that his attorney will not be again available until the week of August 26-30, 1974.

Arrangements were made to interview [REDACTED] in the presence of his counsel the week of August 26-30, 1974.

Interviewed on 8/7/74 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-23

by JW SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] JDM:cbw Date dictated 8/7/74

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/2/74

[redacted] Patterson-Morris Lincoln/Mercury, Incorporated (Inc.), 211 Broadway Drive, who is aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent was orally advised that he did not have to furnish any information, any information he did furnish could be used against him, that he had the right to consult with his attorney before furnishing any information, and to have his attorney present during questioning if he so desired. [redacted] advised that he understood his rights and did not desire to have his attorney present and had no objection to being interviewed.

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[redacted] was advised that an interview was desired concerning a possible violation of Federal election laws.

[redacted] advised that an individual, who he did not desire to name, had requested that he and [redacted] make a contribution to the campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND. [redacted] stated that he subsequently had signed a check payable to JIM EASTLAND Campaign Fund in the amount of \$500 which was turned over to this individual as a contribution to the campaign fund of Senator EASTLAND.

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[redacted] stated that he subsequently received a telephone call from the Campaign Headquarters of Senator EASTLAND at Jackson, Mississippi, informing him that they could not accept corporate funds as contributions to the campaign of Senator EASTLAND. [redacted] stated that he instructed them that the contribution was personal contributions by himself and [redacted] in the amount of \$250 each. He stated that these were not contributions from the corporation even though the check was drawn on the corporate account.

Interviewed on 7/31/74 at Hattiesburg, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-24

by SA J. L. MARTIN/wde

Date dictated 7/31/74

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[redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of the law prohibiting contributions from corporations, had not wilfully nor intentionally violated any law, and that he had no objection to making available a copy of the check payable to JAMES O. EASTLAND campaign fund which he subsequently did.

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SA [redacted] The following investigation was conducted by [redacted]

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On August 7, 1974, contact with [redacted] Insurance, Inc., 161 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, determined that [redacted] the firm, was not available for interview as he was out of town.

Arrangements were made to interview [redacted] the week of August 12-16, 1974.

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REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 8/9/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/22/74 - 8/9/74
TITLE OF CASE JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610		REPORT MADE BY SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS	TYPED BY ba
		CHARACTER OF CASE EL	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel, dated 7/19/74.
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At the following places, complete investigation as requested by the Criminal Division:

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1. Herrington Homes, Inc.
2. H. C. Bailey Insurance, Inc.
3. J. H. Moon & Sons, Inc. Will obtain and forward check if located by that company.

AT OXFORD (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will receive copy of check from Yandell Brothers Gin, Inc.

AT GAUTIER (JACKSON COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Bright Homes, Inc., forward copy of check number 8869 made available by [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed were advised this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

By referenced Jackson airtel, New Orleans was requested to interview [redacted] 510 Okeefe St., [redacted] Palace Theater Co., Inc.

[redacted] No further efforts to interview [redacted] Jitney Jungle, Inc., will be made by Jackson unless requested to do so by the Criminal Division, UACB. [redacted] attorney advised on 8/9/74 that he would insist on written questions in advance of any possible interview with [redacted]

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18, UNITED STATES CODE, 610

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: Investigation arose from referral of information from Secretary of Senate to Attorney General, concerning possible corporate contributions in violation of 18, USC, 610. [redacted]

1 Senator EASTLAND
said: [redacted]

First National Bank. Jackson, Miss. Senator

EATLAND's 1972 campaign;

kept records of all campaign contributions; it was oversight on part of campaign committee to accept contributions from corporations.

_____ said: Some corporate contributions were accepted due to oversight and lack of knowledge regarding Federal law prohibiting corporate contributions. _____ said: It

was not always clear whether contribution was from an individual who owned a corporation, or was a corporate contribution; she made no particular effort to distinguish between these two types of contributions since she assumed matter was entirely legal. Corporate officials responsible for issuance of checks contacted and copies of checks obtained when made available. Comments obtained from corporate officials regarding contributions.

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ENCLOSURES: To the Bureau for Transmittal to Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice:

One copy each of following documents:

1. Check Number 5040, Epperson-Tubb Chevrolet, Incorporated
2. Check Number 7125, Patterson-Morris Lincoln-Mercury, Incorporated
3. Check Number 1957, Star Chevrolet Company, Incorporated
4. Check Number 7834, Dejean Packing Company
5. Check Number 5646, West Implement Company, Incorporated
6. Check Number 5845, Bailey Homes, Incorporated
7. Check Number 3014, McRee Dardaman Kennington
8. Check Number 8879, Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes, Incorporated
9. Page 43, Cash Disbursement Journal (Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated)
10. Check subs numbers 8876 - 8878 (Bradford - O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated)
11. Check stubs numbers 8879 - 8881 (Bradford - O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated)
12. Ledger account 2902 (Bradford - O'Keefe Funeral Homes, Incorporated)
13. Internal Revenue Service Form 4549 (Bradford - O'Keefe Funeral Home, Incorporated)
14. Check Number 0322, Ergon, Incorporated
15. Check Number 12626, Cook Coggin Engineers, Incorporated
16. Check Number 7873, C & F Contracting Company, Incorporated
17. Check Number 5424, Crawler Parts, Incorporated
18. Check Number 1602, Coast TV Cable, Incorporated

DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

This investigation was initiated upon receipt of a letter dated July 16, 1974, from the Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This letter stated that on June 6, 1974, the Secretary of State referred this matter to the Attorney General pursuant to his responsibility as set forth in Section 434(a) (12) of Title 2, United States Code. Contained within the materials referred by the Secretary was information concerning possible corporate contributions in violation of 18, United States Code, 610.

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Date of transcription 8/5/74

[redacted] Bailey Homes, Incorporated, 4646 West Beach Boulevard, was advised of the personal and official identities of the interviewing Agents and that he was being contacted concerning the possibility that a \$500 corporate check had been payable to the campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND which would be in violation of Federal statutes. [redacted] was advised of certain of his constitutional rights and was then furnished a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" which he read and stated he understood but advised that he preferred not to sign prior to discussing the matter with his attorney who is presently out of town. He thereafter voluntarily furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that after he was contacted by SA [redacted] for an appointment he had verified that a \$500 check had been made payable to Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND; however, he had neglected to tell his secretary to pull a copy of the check and stated that he was not familiar with the details concerning it; however, an employee of Bailey Homes, Incorporated, was presently attempting to locate that particular check. [redacted] stated that he was aware that a corporate donation to a political campaign was illegal, and he feels certain that if the check was actually written on the corporate checking account that he had actually issued instructions that the check should be written on a partnership account which exists to handle the finances of a partnership existing between [redacted] which partnership owns certain pieces of land and some apartments. He stated that the intent of the \$500 contribution was that it would be from [redacted] rather than from the corporation of Bailey Homes, Incorporated.

[redacted] then left the interview for several minutes and returned with a Xerox copy of a check drawn on the Bailey Homes, Incorporated account at the Gulf National Bank. The check is numbered 15845 and is payable to JAMES O. EASTLAND in the amount of \$500 signed [redacted]

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SA [redacted] and
by SA [redacted] GLH:cbw Date dictated 8/2/74

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The endorsement on the check reads "For Deposit Only" beneath which is written what may be an account number which is illegible, possibly 14-964-10, and beneath the number is written "JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Fund." The check is dated May 29, 1972.

[redacted] stated that on viewing the Xerox copy of this check that it bears his signature and that the \$500 donation was drawn on the corporate account of Bailey Homes, Incorporated. [redacted] then, after a telephone conversation, which he stated was with [redacted] advised the interviewing Agents that no income tax deduction had been claimed for this check and no one had realized that the check was drawn on the corporate account which was illegal. He stated that since the error had not been recognized, it had not been corrected by a reimbursement from another account. He stated that therefore at the present time, the \$500 donation stands as a corporate donation; however, [redacted] stated again that it was not his intent that it should be a corporate donation since he was aware that this is in violation of Federal law. He stated that he actually intended that the check should be drawn on the partnership account as a donation between [redacted]

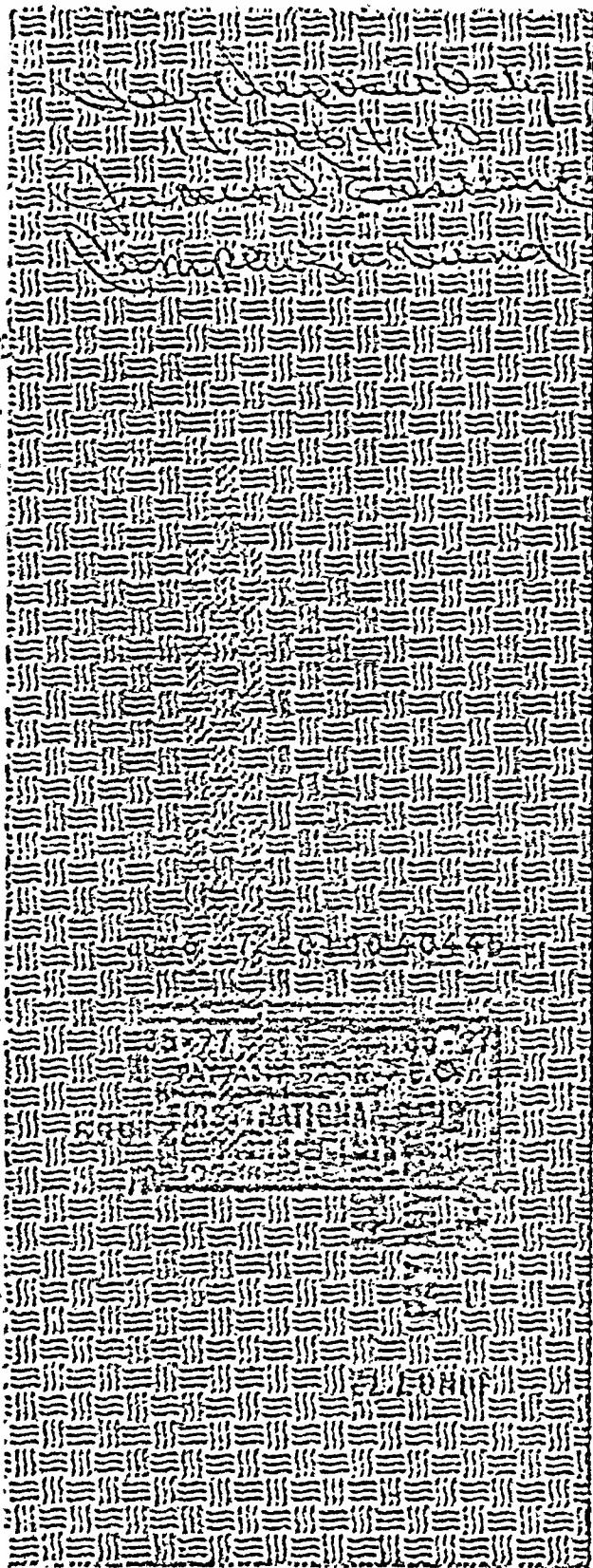
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[redacted] stated that if it is desired that additional information be obtained in this matter, [redacted] a Certified Public Accountant in Jackson, Mississippi can be contacted. [redacted] advised that he did not know [redacted] office address but stated that the Certified Public Accountant firm is in [redacted] name and would be listed in the Jackson, Mississippi, telephone directory.

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A copy of the check as furnished by [redacted] is as follows:

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The attached letter from [redacted]
was received at the Gulfport Resident Agency of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 31,
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Date of transcription 8/8/74

[redacted] Bradshaw and Hoover
Insurance Company, deposit Guaranty National Bank
Building, Jackson, Mississippi, was contacted at [redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the
identity of the interviewing Agent and of the nature of
the inquiry. [redacted] was orally advised of his
constitutional rights as they appear on an "Interrogation;
Advice of Rights" form by SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY.

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[redacted] stated that he understood his rights
and would consent to being interviewed.

[redacted] stated that on May 5, 1972, he made
a \$200 contribution to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign
Committee, method of donation unrecalled. [redacted]
stated that although the funds were drawn on the
corporate account, they were charged to him as a personal
expense rather than a corporate expense.

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[redacted] stated that he would make available
Bradshaw and Hoover Insurance Company check dated May 5,
1972, in the amount of \$200 and payable to the JAMES
O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee upon the issuance of a
subpoena duces tecum.

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by SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY/wde

Date dictated 8/8/74

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brickel Insurance
Company, 265 East Pearl Street, Jackson, Mississippi,
was contacted at his place of employment. [redacted]
was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent
and of the nature of the inquiry.

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stated that prior to November, 1972, he was contacted by a representative, name unknown, of the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee, who advised him that the committee had leased an automobile and requested [redacted] to write an automobile insurance policy.

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stated that a policy was issued and the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee tendered to Brickel Insurance Company the policy premium in the amount of \$189. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] stated the committee cancelled the automobile insurance and Brickel Insurance Company refunded \$139 to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee, which represented the unused policy.

_____ stated that should the Justice Department be desirous of obtaining the policy and supporting documents, he would voluntarily tender them to an authorized representative of the United States Department of Justice.

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Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth

Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion

Male
White

5'7"
165 pounds
Green
Blond
Medium

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Date of transcription 8/7/74

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]
 [redacted] C and F Contracting Company, Plant Road, Tupelo, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the nature of the interview. Interview was conducted after [redacted] affixed his signature to an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. [redacted] advised that he [redacted] C and F Contracting Company with its main office at Plant Road, Tupelo, Mississippi.

[redacted] advised that in the fall of 1972, he attended a social function for Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, held at the Ramada Inn, Tupelo, Mississippi. He said at that time, the large group was discussing politics and that prior to leaving this social function he presented a \$500 check to Senator EASTLAND.

[redacted] advised that the fund was not solicited and that he voluntarily contributed to Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND's campaign fund. He said he was not aware that contributing to a fund through a corporate account was a violation of a Federal law since he considers the contribution actually to be a personal contribution and he could have very easily written the check on his personal account.

[redacted] made available a machine copy of the check issued to Senator EASTLAND on November 3, 1972. This check is described as follows:

Number 7873, dated November 3, 1972, made payable to Jim Eastland Campaign in the amount of \$500 on the account of C and F Contracting Company, Incorporated, Post Office Box 10, Tupelo, Mississippi, with the Bank of Amory, Amory, Mississippi, signed

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by SA [redacted] wde Date dictated 8/6/74

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[redacted] endorsement.
(stamped "Credit to the Account of
the within named payee, endorsement
guaranteed, First National Bank,
Jackson, Mississippi")

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[redacted] was contacted at Coast T. V. Cable, Incorporated, 104 Jefferson Davis Avenue, Long Beach, Mississippi. After the interviewing Agent had identified himself, [redacted] was advised that he was being contacted at this time in an effort to obtain a copy of a check allegedly written to the JAMES O. EASTLAND campaign committee in the amount of \$150 on or about May 31, 1972, which check was drawn on the account of Coast T. V. Cable, Incorporated.

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He was thereafter furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form and after reading same, stated that he did not desire to sign a waiver of rights; however, he was willing to cooperate with the FBI and make a copy of such check available, however, it would require a little time to locate the check inasmuch as such records are in storage. It was agreed that he would be contacted at a later date for a copy of this check.

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[redacted] was contacted at Coast T. V. Cable, Incorporated, 104 Jefferson Davis Avenue, Long Beach, Mississippi, at which time he reiterated that he did not desire to sign a waiver of rights but understood his rights. He thereafter made available a copy of check number 1602, dated May 24, 1972, which was in the amount of \$150 made payable to the order of JAMES O. EASTLAND campaign fund. This check was drawn on the account of Coast T. V. Cable, Incorporated, at the Gulfport National Bank, Gulfport, Mississippi, and bore the signature [redacted]. On the face of this check there was a stamp showing that this check was paid June 6, 1972, at the Gulfport National Bank.

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During the course of the interview, the following description and background information was obtained:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	195 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	[redacted] Coast T. V. Cable, Incorporated, Long Beach, Mississippi

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[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] [redacted] COOK Coggin Engineers, Incorporated, 703 Crossover Road, Tupelo, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the nature of the inquiry. The interview was conducted after [redacted] affixed his signature to an "Interrogation: Advice of Rights" form.

advised that [redacted] the firm of COOK Coggin Engineers, Incorporated, which organization is solely owned by five individuals who are the stockholders of the corporation organized under the Small Business Act.

[redacted] advised that any contribution made to any charitable organization or any other organization has to be approved by all members of the business and that in this particular instance, all members of the firm agreed to donate \$200 to the political campaign of Senator JIM EASTLAND in the fall of 1972.

[redacted] advised that no one in the firm had any knowledge that it would be a violation of any Federal law to make a contribution to JAMES O. EASTLAND's campaign. He said the contribution was made inasmuch as his organization felt that EASTLAND was the best man for the job at that time, and desired that he be returned to office.

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[redacted] made available the check by which the organization made a contribution of \$200 to JAMES EASTLAND. This check is described as follows:

Check number 12626, dated October 31, 1972, paid to the order of JAMES EASTLAND, in the amount of \$200 for "Pol. Contr.", drawn on the account of Cook Coggin Engineers, Incorporated, 703 Crossover Road, Tupelo, Mississippi,

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by SA [redacted] wde Date dictated 8/6/74

38801, on the account at the
Peoples Bank and Trust Company,
Tupelo, Mississippi, signed
[redacted] endorsed "For
Deposit Only JAMES O. EASTLAND
Campaign Fund".

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Date of transcription

8/6/74

[redacted] Crawler Parts, Incorporated (Inc.), Highway 80 East, Pearl, Mississippi was contacted at [redacted]. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] was advised of his constitutional rights as they appear on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. [redacted] stated that he understood his rights and thereafter executed the above described form.

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[redacted] stated that upon the advice of his attorney [redacted] 511 East Pearl Street, Jackson, Mississippi, who was present at the time of the interview, he would provide to SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY a signed statement concerning his campaign contribution to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee Fund on May 24, 1972, in the amount of \$500.

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by SA [redacted] and
SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY; ALC/wde Date dictated 7/31/74

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Date of transcription August 9, 1974

[redacted] Counsel for [redacted] tendered to SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY Check Number 5424 drawn on the First National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, account of Crawler Parts, Incorporated, Jackson, Mississippi, in the amount of \$500.

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[redacted] stated that he did not desire a receipt for the above-described check, however, desired it to be returned upon the conclusion of the FBI investigation.

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by SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY/mae Date dictated 8/9/74

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[redacted] On August 9, 1974, [redacted] Counsel for
[redacted] tendered to SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY
[redacted] s signed statement, which is attached
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I, [redacted] having been advised of the personal and official identities of Special Agents Anthony L. Christy and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the nature of the inquiry which concerns a \$500.00 contribution to the senatorial campaign of James O. Eastland, and further having been advised of my constitutional rights in this matter, do hereby state that I voluntarily choose to furnish the following information:

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I am married and have one married daughter. I reside with my wife at [redacted]

[redacted] Crawler Parts, Inc. [redacted] corporation which sells replacement parts for the undercarriage of Crawler tractors. I am a [redacted]

[redacted] said corporation and there are four (4) [redacted] stockholders. The contribution to Senator Eastland was made in behalf of the individual stockholders and was made with the knowledge of all concerned. I recall specifically that the only reason a check was made from the company was convenience to [redacted] only. I recall specifically that this sum of money was not deducted in our tax return and it is not uncommon in a company such as ours to commingle funds and make withdrawals for our personal use from time to time for other expenditures and this is adjusted at the end of every year by our accountants with approval of the stockholders [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 29, 1974

[redacted]
of the DeJean Packing Company, Incorporated, Biloxi, Mississippi, furnished the following information to [redacted]
[redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after being advised of his Constitutional rights, and being advised of the purpose of the interview, a possible violation of Federal law on behalf of the DeJean Corporation in contributing to the campaign committee of JAMES O. EASTLAND:

[redacted] advised that the DeJean Packing Company made a \$1000 contribution to JAMES O. EASTLAND by check drawn on the DeJean Packing Company dated May 2, 1972, and signed by [redacted] who is now [redacted] DeJean Packing Company, Incorporated.

[redacted] noted that at the time of the contribution that the DeJean Company was a "partnership" and was not incorporated until January 1, 1973.

[redacted] also furnished a copy of the aforementioned check.

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[redacted] Thompson-Anderson Enterprises, Incorporated (Inc.), and Delta Fisheries, Inc., both of Yazoo City, Mississippi, was contacted at Thompson-Anderson Enterprises, Inc., Route 49 North, Yazoo City, Mississippi. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] was advised of his constitutional rights as they appear on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. [redacted] stated that he was fully aware of his rights and would consent to being interviewed.

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[redacted] stated that he made two contributions to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee on October 24, 1972, in the amount of \$200, drawn on Thompson-Anderson Enterprises, Inc., and one in the amount of \$300, drawn on Delta Fisheries, Inc.

[redacted] stated that although the checks were drawn on corporate accounts, they were charged to him personally rather than to the corporation. [redacted] stated that he would make available the above described checks upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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SA [redacted] and
by SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY; ALC/wde Date dictated 8/8/74

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[redacted] Patterson-Morris Lincoln/Mercury, Incorporated (Inc.), 211 Broadway Drive, who is aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent was orally advised that he did not have to furnish any information, any information he did furnish could be used against him, that he had the right to consult with his attorney before furnishing any information, and to have his attorney present during questioning if he so desired. [redacted] advised that he understood his rights and did not desire to have his attorney present and had no objection to being interviewed.

[redacted] was advised that an interview was desired concerning a possible violation of Federal election laws.

[redacted] advised that an individual, who he did not desire to name, had requested that he and [redacted] make a contribution to the campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND. [redacted] stated that he subsequently had signed a check payable to JIM EASTLAND Campaign Fund in the amount of \$500 which was turned over to this individual as a contribution to the campaign fund of Senator EASTLAND.

[redacted] stated that he subsequently received a telephone call from the Campaign Headquarters of Senator EASTLAND at Jackson, Mississippi, informing him that they could not accept corporate funds as contributions to the campaign of Senator EASTLAND. [redacted] stated that he instructed them that the contribution was personal contributions by himself and [redacted] in the amount of \$250 each. He stated that these were not contributions from the corporation even though the check was drawn on the corporate account.

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[redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of the law prohibiting contributions from corporations, had not wilfully nor intentionally violated any law, and that he had no objection to making available a copy of the check payable to JAMES O. EASTLAND campaign fund which he subsequently did.

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[redacted] Patterson-Morris Lincoln/Mercury, 211 Broadway Drive, who is aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent was orally advised that he did not have to furnish any information, any information he did furnish could be used against him, that he had the right to consult with his attorney before furnishing any information, and to have his attorney present during questioning if he so desired. [redacted] advised that he understood his rights, did not desire to have his attorney present and would furnish any information requested.

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[redacted] was advised that an interview was desired with him concerning a possible violation of Federal election laws.

[redacted] advised that he recalls that he and [redacted] made a contribution to the campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, but did not recall who actually signed the check. He stated that he believed the check was in the amount of \$500.

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[redacted] caused a check to be made of his records after which he furnished a copy of Patterson-Morris Lincoln/Mercury, Incorporated (Inc.), check number 7125, dated June 2, 1972, made payable to JIM EASTLAND Campaign Fund, in the amount of \$500 and signed [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he was unaware of any law prohibiting contributions by a corporation. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] had been requested to make contributions to EASTLAND's campaign fund and that they had agreed separately to contribute \$250 each. He stated that he felt the above check represented a \$250 personal contribution by both he and [redacted] rather than a corporate contribution to the EASTLAND campaign fund.

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by SA J. L. MARTIN/wde Date dictated 7/31/74

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Date of transcription 8/5/74

[redacted] Smith-Roberts,
Incorporated, McComb, Mississippi, who knows the identity
of SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, when advised of the nature of
the interview, advised that he would have to contact
his attorney before furnishing any information. Mr.
SMITH read but declined to sign a "Waiver of Rights Form".

[redacted] The following description was obtained from
[redacted] from observation and prior knowledge of SA
TIMMONS:

Name
Occupation

[redacted]
Smith-Roberts,
Incorporated (Cadillac,
Pontiac, Oldsmobile
Agency, McComb)

Height	5'9"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Brown - gray
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Age	52
Race	White

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by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS:pjg Date dictated 8/5/74

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Date of transcription 8/5/74

[redacted] Attorney, McComb, Mississippi, came to the Smith-Roberts Incorporated, automobile agency, talked with [redacted] and advised SA TIMMONS that [redacted] did write a check for five hundred dollars to the 1972 JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee. He advised that [redacted] is the [redacted] Smith-Roberts, Incorporated, and was totally ignorant of the law.

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[redacted] advised that he had instructed [redacted] [redacted] not to furnish any information regarding this matter until such time as the United States Department of Justice advised him if his client was being considered as a witness or as a defendant.

[redacted] advised [redacted] has the check in question and it would be made available if subpoenaed.

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by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS:pjg Date dictated 8/5/74

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7/26/74

Date of transcription

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that investigation was being conducted concerning possible unlawful corporate contributions made to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee by the West Implement Company. [redacted] was advised of his rights as they appear on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form which he read and signed. He then provided the following information:

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The West Implement Company was originally started by his father who died in 1958. In 1959 the company was incorporated by him along with [redacted]

At the present time the sole stock holders and corporate officers consist of [redacted]

Both [redacted] have moneys coming to them from the West Implement Company for salaries, loans and other items. It is a common practice for both [redacted] [redacted] to use company checks to make purchases and this amount is then deducted from the amount which the company owes him.

When [redacted] decided to each make a \$200 campaign contribution to Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, this was the manner in which it was done. A corporation check for \$400 was issued in Senator EASTLAND's campaign fund and [redacted] were each charged \$200 from the moneys owed to them by the West Implement Company. The money contributed was definitely personal funds and not a corporate contribution.

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[redacted] were long time friends and supporters of Senator EASTLAND whose plantation is located only a few miles from Cleveland, Mississippi. The Eastland Plantation is also a customer of the West Implement Company and buys parts for farm equipment from the company.

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by SA [redacted] /njb Date dictated 7/24/74

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He emphasized that the practice of using corporate checks and having this amount deducted from money owed to him by the corporation was something both [redacted] commonly did and was not something done just on this one occasion.

He advised that [redacted] could make available a copy of the check used and also the ledger sheets which showed money owed to [redacted] [redacted] by the company.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/26/74

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that investigation was being conducted concerning possible illegal corporate contributions made to the JAMES EASTLAND Campaign Committee by the West Implement Company. She was advised of her rights as they appear on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form which she read and signed. She then provided the following information:

[redacted] were long time supporters of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND and personal friends of his. When they determined they each wanted to make a \$200 campaign contribution, the simplest manner in which to do it was to issue a company check and then deduct \$200 from each of their accounts with the company. Using the company checking account in this manner was a common practice with them and did not indicate that they were spending company funds. The alternative to making the contribution in this manner would have been for the West Implement Company to make a check for \$200 to each of them for moneys the company owed to them. These checks would then have to be deposited to their personal banking accounts and they would each then reissue a check on their personal accounts to the Eastland Campaign Fund. This seemed to her to be unnecessary and involved a great deal more trouble than the simple issuing of the check and charging it to their individual accounts.

When the check was issued for the Eastland Campaign Fund, she sent a note with it advising the [redacted] committee that the contribution was in fact from [redacted]. She had the cancelled check but no longer had the note.

She emphasized that the contribution was, in fact, personal funds of [redacted] and not the funds of the corporation.

Interviewed on 7/24/74 at Cleveland, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112

by SA [redacted]

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Date dictated 7/24/74

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[redacted] made available copies
of the cancelled check and also copies of the
ledger sheets showing the company account of [redacted]
[redacted] for the pertinent period.

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[redacted] advised after examining the
ledger sheets that it was not possible to tell which
deduction from [redacted] account was the
\$200 campaign contribution. She said it was apparent
that there were a large number of charges against both
their accounts and that the \$200 charge was apparently
combined with another charge.

The attached copies of ledger sheets and the
cancelled check were made available by [redacted]

CREDED TO THE ACCOUNT
OF THE WITHIN NAMED PAYEE
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WEST IMPLEMENT CO. INC.
JOHN DEERE TRACTORS

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PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

Eastland Campaign Fund
THE SUM OF \$400.00 DOLLARS

DOLLARS

BY ENDORSEMENT THIS CHECK WHEN PAID IS ACCEPTED AS FULL PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT

BANK OF CLEVELAND

BRANCH OF MONADA BANK
CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI

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WEST IMPLEMENT CO., INC.

PHONE 843-5321

CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI 38732

JOHN DEERE TRACTORS - IMPLEMENTS

IN ACCOUNT WITH

A. L. W. & C.

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DATE	FOLIO	CHARGES	PAYMENTS & CREDITS	PREVIOUS BALANCE ↓
1971	44	16.00+		11,011.74
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C 6710S	52	15.30+		11,048.24 1
C 13710S	55	7.00+		11,083.94 1
C 22710S	57	30.00+		3,583.94 1
		5.70+		5,383.94 1
C 3171	27		7,500.00-	5,383.94 1
4 19720S	63	1,800.00+		5,383.94 1
N 11720S	64	3.80+		5,387.74 1
N 20720S	65	271.00+		5,658.74 1
N 25720S	66	10.50+		5,875.34 1
N 26720S	66	206.10+		5,879.14 1
N 31720S	67	3.80+		6,087.04 1
N 1172	68	207.90+		6,090.84 1
E 8 10720S	73	3.80+		6,092.74 1
AR 1720S	81	1.90+		6,107.34 1
AR 22720S	86	7.60+		6,109.24 1
AR 27720S	86	7.00+		
PR 7720S	92	1.90+		
PR 10720S	93	17.00+		
PR 10720S	93	3,810.97+		
		502.35+		
PR 17720S	93	8.50+		10,448.06 1
PR 11720S	94		1,800.00-	8,658.15 1
PR 20720S	94	10.09+		
PR 28720S	96	5.70+		10,475.10 1
PR 3720S	96	1,811.25+		10,491.50 1
MAY 1720S	100	16.50+		10,499.10 1
MAY 3720S	101	7.50+		
MAY 10720S	102	20.00+		
MAY 12720S	102	630.40+		11,447.55 1
MAY 15720S	102	248.05+		
MAY 19720S	104	5.70+		
MAY 22720S	104	15.00+		11,462.25 1
MAY 25720S	33		639.40-	10,787.85 1
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PAYMENTS, CREDITS ON CHARGES, RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE SHOWN ABOVE THE ARROW WHICH IS THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS BILLING CYCLE, WILL APPEAR ON YOUR NEXT STATEMENT. TO AVOID ADDITIONAL FINANCE CHARGES, PAY THE "NEW BALANCE" BEFORE THIS DATE NEXT MONTH.

FINANCE CHARGE is computed by a "periodic rate" of 1 1/2% per month which is an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE of 18% applied to the previous balance without deducting current payments and/or credits appearing on this statement. MINIMUM FINANCE CHARGE \$5.00.

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DATE	FOLIO	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE	
		BALANCE FORWARD 155			
				2,800.73	
13700S	4	5.71+		2,821.35+1	
23700S	7	14.91+		2,896.32+1	
219700S	15	74.97+		2,904.41+1	
2291700S	29	8.09+		2,914.28+1	
220700S	22	0.95+		2,914.25+1	
220700S	22	3.90+		2,914.25+1	
220700S	22	14.61+2		2,914.27+1	
22700S	52	19.61+		3,123.98+1	
24710S	63	15.75+		3,139.73+1	
215710S	76	100.00+		3,239.73+1	
218710S	77	12.90+		3,252.63+1	
212710S	84	6.10+		3,258.73+1	
212710S	85	20.00+		3,278.73+1	
216710S	87	5.80+		3,284.53+1	
212710S	88	959.63+		4,509.80+1	
212710S	89	265.64+		4,509.80+1	
215710S	93	33.07+		4,612.87+1	
212710S	11	306.79+		4,919.57+1	
213710S	11	25.00+		4,944.57+1	
2118710S	14	9.57+		4,954.14+1	
21971	17	100.00+		5,054.14+1	
2121710S	37	50.00+		5,104.14+1	
217720S	82	24.68+		5,128.82+1	
2123720S	87	235.79+		5,514.63+1	
2120720S	94	150.02+		5,514.63+1	
2114720S	96	1.58+		5,516.21+1	
2129720S	105	300.00+		5,816.21+1	
2115720S	114	24.58+		5,840.37+1	
213072	37	370.50+		6,224.72+1	
2112720S	3	13.25+		6,224.72+1	
2114720S	3	15.20+	6,500.00-	275.28+1	
AUG 15720S	12	42.00+		218.08+1	
AUG 15720S	13	9.50+		208.58+1	
AUG 29720S	15	2.42+		206.16+1	
215720S	19	5.70+		200.46+1	
JAN 15730S	57	4.10+		196.36+1	
JAN 13730S	58	500.00+		303.64+1	
215730S	65	22.80+		326.44+1	
215730S	67	500.00+		826.44+1	
215730S	68	648.00+		1,474.44+1	
2114730S		125.00+		1,724.44+1	
		125.00+			

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/7/74

[redacted] after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the investigation, prior to giving the interviewing Agent an opportunity to advise him of his rights, advised he had no knowledge of the Yandell Brothers Gin, Incorporated, making a \$200 donation to the JAMES O. EASTLAND campaign committee.

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[redacted] advised he was Resident Agent for service of process for the Yandell Brothers Gin, Incorporated, and he did not own any stock in the corporation. He further stated the gin was a simple Mississippi corporation.

After consulting with his employer by telephone, [redacted] advised he would send a photo-copy of the \$200 campaign contribution check to the FBI Resident Agency at Oxford, Mississippi.

Interviewed on 7/31/74 at Sumner, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112

by SA [redacted] GDB/gah Date dictated 8/5/74

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 31, 1974

[redacted] Zero Butane Company, Incorporated, Franklin Avenue and Second Street, Inverness, Mississippi. was advised of the identities of [redacted]

[redacted] as being Special Agents of the FBI. [redacted] was advised that the nature of the inquiry concerned possible violations of the James O. Eastland Campaign Committee and specifically concerning two contributions allegedly made by his company totaling \$650. [redacted] was advised of his rights as they appear on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form, after which he stated he understood his rights and was willing to provide a statement inasmuch as he had nothing to hide. [redacted] however, did not sign the waiver portion of the Advice of Rights Form. [redacted] thereafter provided the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised that in May, 1972, the only two individuals authorized to write checks on the Zero Butane Company, Incorporated, were [redacted]

[redacted] the Zero Butane Company.

[redacted] stated that since the two checks allegedly written to the James O. Eastland Committee in the amount of \$200 and \$450 were a campaign contribution, he believes that he would have issued these checks and that [redacted] would have nothing to do with this matter. [redacted] stated that even if he did not prepare these checks, they would not have been sent without his knowledge.

[redacted] thereafter searched his records and could not find any record of either of these two checks having been written on either of his company's two bank accounts, the Bank of Inverness, Inverness, Mississippi and the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Belzoni, Mississippi. [redacted] stated that in view of the fact that he could find no evidence of these checks, the dates that these checks were allegedly prepared are probably in error. [redacted] could provide no additional information in this matter but stated that he is willing to cooperate fully with the FBI should additional checking of his records be required.

Interviewed on 7/26/74 at Inverness, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112

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Date of transcription 8/1/74

[redacted] Epperson Chevrolet Company, Highway 278 West, Amory, Mississippi, who is aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent, was advised of the nature of the investigation. He was given a Warning and Waiver of Rights form, which he read, stated he understood and signed. He thereafter furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that on May 5, 1972, he issued a check in the amount of \$200, made payable to the James O. Eastland Campaign Fund, which was the contribution of Epperson Tubb Chevrolet, Inc. to the campaign of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND. [redacted] stated that at that time, he did have a partner, although he, [redacted]

[redacted] corporation at that time. He stated since then [redacted]

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[redacted] corporation and [redacted] made available a copy of Check Number 5040, drawn on the account of Epperson Tubb Chevrolet, Inc., Amory, Mississippi, which check is dated May 5, 1972, and is in the amount of \$200, made payable to the James O. Eastland Campaign Fund - [redacted] and is signed [redacted]

[redacted] The check is drawn on the Security Bank of Amory, Amory, Mississippi. The check carries the stamp endorsement credited to the account of the within named payee, endorsement guaranteed, First National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi.

Concerning the contribution, [redacted] stated that he receives solicitations periodically from politicians, civic organizations and charitable organizations, so he cannot be exactly positive about this specific instance; however, he believes in May of 1972, he was contacted by a banker in Jackson, Mississippi. He does not recall how the contact was made or how his check was picked up. He stated that he did recall making the \$200 contribution to the Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Fund. He continued that during that campaign he was contacted by several politicians on all levels of government and some individuals he told them he would contribute to and did not; however, he believes that he did say that he would contribute to the Eastland Campaign and

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Interviewed on 7/30/74 at Amory, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112

by SA [redacted] /gjt Date dictated 7/31/74

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obviously he did.

[redacted] stated that the check was given by the corporation and not by himself personally. Once again he stated that the corporation at that time was Epperson Tubb Chevrolet, Inc. The check was given solely by that corporation and not by himself personally.

[redacted] stated that as he recalls he was simply requested to make a contribution to the campaign fund of Senator EASTLAND. There was no mention made of how much money he should give nor was there ever any mention made of any sort of special favors or any sort of favoritism concerning the contribution.

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Date of transcription 8/8/74

[redacted] Ergon, Incorporated, b6
Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed at 202 East Pearl b7C
Street. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the nature of the inquiry, and of his rights as contained on an unexecuted "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" Form. [redacted] declined to execute the form; however, stated that he was willing to be interviewed concerning campaign contributions to JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee. [redacted] thereafter furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that it is his practice to donate funds to numerous candidates for public office. In 1972, he attended a meeting of a number of Jackson businessmen in which [redacted] representing the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign, solicited personal contributions. He thereafter instructed his staff to donate \$2,000 to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee. His staff prepared a check on his Ergon, Incorporated, account and the check was forwarded to the campaign committee. He noted that the check did not bear his personal signature and was signed by facsimile stamp. He stated that the issuance of an Ergon, Incorporated, check to the campaign committee rather than his personal check was an oversight for which he accepts full responsibility. He stated that the contribution was not considered a deductible expense for income tax purposes on Ergon, Incorporated, corporate income taxes for that period and that all income taxes on the \$2,000 contribution were paid. He stated that he owns all stock in Ergon, Incorporated.

[redacted] furnished a Xerox copy of Ergon, Incorporated, check number 0322 dated June 1, 1972, in the amount of \$2,000, drawn on Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, in favor of JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign. The check bears a facsimile signature of [redacted]

Interviewed on 8/8/74 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] DM/1rm Date dictated 8/8/74

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/9/74

[redacted] Attorney-at-Law representing [redacted]
 [redacted] Jitney Jungle Incorporated, Jackson,
 Mississippi, telephonically contacted SA [redacted]
 and stated that upon advice of counsel, [redacted] would
 decline to be interviewed concerning campaign contribu-
 tions to JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee.

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[redacted] stated that he would furnish information
 concerning the Jitney Jungle Incorporated campaign
 contributions as follows:

[redacted] stated that in May, 1972, [redacted]
 attended a campaign meeting in which contributions for
 the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee were solicited.
 A campaign contribution was made using corporate funds.
 [redacted] learned of the manner in
 which the campaign contributions had been made and queried
 concerning its legality. [redacted] that the
 contributions violated Mississippi State Laws and that
 the funds for the contribution should be charged to the
 personal account of [redacted] which was done.

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[redacted] stated that in the event it is desired that
 [redacted] be interviewed concerning this matter, he will
 insist on receiving a list of written questions in advance
 of the interview. After reviewing the list of written
 questions, [redacted] will then reconsider his decision to
 decline to be interviewed regarding this matter.

Interviewed on 8/9/74 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112

by SA [redacted] a Date dictated 8/9/74

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Date of transcription 8/9/74

JOHN H. MOON, President, John H. Moon and Sons, Inc., Highway 51 North, Ridgeland, Mississippi, business phone 856-2031, was contacted at his place of employment and advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. MOON was orally advised of his rights and he stated that he understood his rights and that he desired to cooperate with the FBI concerning this matter. He stated he would attempt to locate a check drawn on the account of John H. Moon and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000 which was a financial contribution to the 1972 U. S. Senate campaign of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND. MOON provided the following voluntary information:

MOON advised that he was unaware of the fact that it is a violation of a Federal law for a corporation to make a financial contribution to the campaign of an individual running for the U. S. Senate. He stated that if he had known this he would have made the contribution a personal one in his own name.

MOON advised that to the best of his knowledge, he did not remember any financial contribution being made in the name of his corporation to the 1972 Senate campaign of Senator EASTLAND. He also stated that he did not remember ever signing any checks which would be for such a contribution; however, MOON stated that he would instruct the secretary-treasurer of his corporation to attempt to locate this check and he stated if it could be found, he would gladly furnish a Xerox copy of it to the FBI.

MOON desired to be contacted at a later date at which time he would advise whether he had located the check.

The following description was obtained by observation and interview:

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SA WAYNE P. TICHENOR and
SA [redacted]

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Name	JOHN H. MOON
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	73
Height	6' 1"
Weight	175 pounds

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Date of transcription 8/7/74

[redacted] McRee, Dardaman, and Kennington, Incorporated, Architecture and Engineering, Grenada, Mississippi, was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the fact that he was to be interviewed concerning possible corporate contributors to the Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee. [redacted] was advised of his rights which he acknowledged understanding by executing advice of rights form, and voluntarily furnished the following oral information:

[redacted] advised that by check dated June 1, 1972, in the amount of \$300, drawn on the Grenada Bank, Grenada, Mississippi, to the account of McRee, Dardaman and Kennington, Incorporated.

[redacted] McRee, Dardaman, and Kennington, Incorporated, contributed \$100 each to Senator EASTLAND's campaign fund. [redacted] advised that this money was charged against the drawing account of each officer and in no way involved corporate funds.

1972. [redacted] furnished a copy of check dated June 1,

Interviewed on 8/6/74 at Grenada, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112

by SA [redacted] :pjg Date dictated 8/6/74

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June 1, 1972 85-141/842

Pay to the order of Jim Eastland Campaign Fund

~~\$ 300.00~~

Three hundred and No/100

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Date of transcription 8/7/74

BOSWELL STEVENS was contacted at his home residence, Rural Route, Macon, Mississippi. STEVENS was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, regarding violations of Election Law. STEVENS was advised of his rights as set forth on a prepared form which he expressed his complete understanding thereof by executing the waiver of his rights. STEVENS voluntarily consented to the interview without the presence of his attorney.

STEVENS was advised that information furnished by him could be used in a court of law.

STEVENS stated that he would prefer not to furnish a signed statement at this time in lieu of the Agent recording the information as best he could recall same.

STEVENS advised that he is a close personal friend of United States Senator JAMES EASTLAND and has known him personally for over thirty years.

STEVENS stated that he has no information or knowledge of any corporate funds having ever been used in the campaign of Senator EASTLAND. STEVENS stated that he has been associated with the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation for many years and has no information or knowledge that any corporate funds of this corporation or any organization related thereto have been used in the Senator's campaign.

STEVENS stated that he was the president of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation for 22 years from 1950 until his retirement in November, 1972. STEVENS stated that in 1972 he spread the word that Senator EASTLAND needed money in his campaign for reelection to the United States Senate.

Interviewed on 8/6/74 at Macon, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112

by SA JAMES EDWARD KING:pjg Date dictated 8/7/74

STEVENS stated that he contacted and advised many employees and associates with the Farm Bureau Federation who were more than willing to contribute to Senator EASTLAND's campaign fund. STEVENS stated that they gave willingly and voluntarily. He stated that they gave various amounts in cash, ranging from \$5, \$10, \$50, and perhaps as high as \$100.

STEVENS stated that he could not recall any of these amounts, or who the individuals were who contributed same. He stated that he did not maintain or keep any records regarding this money and in all honesty, he could not furnish any names or amounts.

STEVENS did state that all monies collected were in cash.

STEVENS stated that he collected the money or received it from these various people and, either he or someone else, possibly his secretary, he could not recall the person at this time, took the cash money, purchased a cashier's check, and sent it to Eastland's Campaign Committee. STEVENS stated that he used the name Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation as most, if not all of the individuals that contributed freely, were employees of the Federation or associated with the Farm Bureau Federation.

STEVENS advised that this was the same case with Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, which was established and organized by Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

STEVENS further advised that this was the same case with Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company whose main office was located in the same building as the Federation in Jackson, Mississippi.

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STEVENS advised that in both of the above cases many individuals willingly and voluntarily contributed cash money to him individually or to someone else who collected most of the money and turned it over to him, STEVENS. STEVENS further stated that he, in turn, purchased the cashier's check, using the name of the company to single out the contributors or had someone else, possibly his secretary, purchase the cashier's check in his name and forward the check to the campaign fund.

STEVENS stated that he has no record or receipts of these cashier's checks and has no idea if they exist at this time. STEVENS stated that he had no intentions of violating any law and stated that to the best of his knowledge, no corporate funds of these three organizations were used in contributing to Senator EASTLAND's campaign fund.

He stated that these cash monies belonged to the individuals who voluntarily contributed to the campaign funds.

BOSWELL STEVENS furnished the following descriptive information:

Name	BOSWELL STEVENS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	September 4, 1897
Place of Birth	Noxubee County, Mississippi
Residence	Macon, Mississippi
Employment	Retired; formerly president of Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; retired November, 1972

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/9/74

[redacted] Mississippi Pump and Equipment Company, Inc., 5320 West Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi, was contacted at his place of employment and advised of the identities of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] was furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form which he read, stated he understood and which he voluntarily signed. He provided the following voluntary information:

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] of Mississippi Pump and Equipment Company, Inc. He stated that he does not personally know Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, but he stated that he did remember making a similar contribution to JAMES O. EASTLAND's campaign sometime about May, 1972. [redacted] advised that he was not aware of the fact that it is a violation of a Federal law for a corporation to make a financial contribution such as he made to Senator EASTLAND. He stated that if he had known this, he would have made the contribution in his own name rather than the name of the corporation. [redacted] stated that he did not know whether the check used to make this contribution was a personal check or a check drawn on his business account, and he also stated that he did not remember who signed this check.

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[redacted] advised that he conducted a search of the corporation's canceled checks from January through July, 1972, and he stated he was unable to locate a check in the amount of \$500 which would be a financial contribution to JAMES O. EASTLAND's campaign.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	[redacted]
Height	6' 1"
Weight	185 pounds

Interviewed on 8/8/74 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112

by SA WAYNE P. TICHENOR and SA [redacted] NFT:cbw Date dictated 8/9/74

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

DATE: 8/7/74

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION
18 USC 610
ELECTION LAWS
(OO: JACKSON)

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FD-302s and insert have been dictated for #15,
H. C. Bailey Insurance, Inc.; #16 Herrington Homes, Inc.;
and #17 Jitney Jungle, Inc. Appointments have been made to
conclude the required investigation and leads should be
assigned to SA [redacted]

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT JACKSON (HINDS CO.), MISS.

- 1) On 8/12/74 will interview [redacted]
- 2) On 8/13/74 will interview [redacted]
- 3) On 8/28/74 will interview [redacted]

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